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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY (MOFA) INFORMED EMBOFF TODAY THAT THEY HAD RECEIVED WORD FROM GOJ EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON THAT WASHINGTON POST CARRIED STORY QUOTING STATE DEPARTEMNT SOURCE AS SAYING THAT U.S. HAD REQUESTED SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING JAPAN, NOT TO SELL COMPUTERS TO SOVIET TASS IN LIEU OF USG REFUSAL TO PERMIT UNIVAC SALE. MOFA SOURCE SAID JAPANESE PRESS IS ALREADY REQUESTING CONFIRMATION. IN RESPONSE, MOFA INTENDS TO CONFIDENTIAL

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INDICATE THAT THEY ARE AWARE THAT THE USG HAS DECIDED TO DISAPPROVE THE EXPORT OF UNIVAC COMPUTER TO THE SOVIET UNION AND EXPRESSED A DESIRE THAT OTHER COUNTRIES NOT SUPPLY THIS TYPE OF EQUIPMENT TO THE USSR. MOFA WILL ADD THAT THEY ARE NOT AWARE THAT ANY JAPANESE COMPUTER COMPANIES HAVE YET BEEN APPROACHED TO PROVIDE SIMILAR EQUIPMENT. THEY WILL ALSO INDICATE THAT GOJ WILL, IF AND WHEN A JAPANESE

COMPANY IS APPROACHED, CONSIDER THE PROPER POSITION TO TAKE IN THIS MATTER AT THAT TIME.

2. EMBASSY ALSO EXPECTS TO RECEIVE PRESS INQUIRIES ON THE ABOVE. PLEASE ADVISE. MANSFIELD

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